Collins, Benjamin Hudson

September 20, 1883

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[Washington, D.C.]

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Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
Washington, Sept 20 1883.

Dear Sirs.

I am a little disappointed in not hearing from you yesterday or to-day in reply to my letters as I wish to close and return unsold pieces.

I wrote you as to offers I have received on other coins than what I wish Keep at your prices.

I have an offer of $5.00 for the 1804 cleaned and pattinated Cent from a friend. It is not as clean as my 1804 Cent bought of St. M. at his sale for $4.80. Advise me on the matter.

How about my big bag of Cents about 785 Can you use them at $12.00 about 1½ cts each If so I will forward them on payment of

my purchases. I am offered in trade by a Jew dealer named Mann from Baltimore who examined them Monday $12.00 for $\frac{\text{Eog}}{\text{them}}$.

I have sold some additional lots since, viz: principally half cents and will keep all the Dimes you sent.

You have now offers (including mine on 1802 $\frac{1805}{\text{-}}$ x 3. 1795 halves 1796 qtr & 1800 half dime) and the cents of others for the back of the consignment, and I only wait to be advised by you as to the return and remittance.

Please notify me at once

Could do nothing with Phelps or Titcomb

Hope you secured a 1802. half - the 6. 1795's - 1796 pierced qtr: 1804 smooth qtr and the dimes at the sale.

I also want - 1800 & 1802 half cent and a 1806 over 5 qtr. also 1820 & 18-2 quarter and a number of halves viz.

1806 no stem. 1808 over 07. 1812 over 11.

1814 over 13. 1817 over 1813. 1818 over 1817.

1819 over 18. 1824 over 1819. 1827 over 1826.

1829 over 1827 and 1807 Cent over 1806.

Please send on approval at low prices

Yours

B. H. Collins

Statement.

I have retained at your prices

1805 qtr.	.50
1815 "	.70
1811 Dime	.35
1814.20.21 " @.20 ea	.60
1822 "	1.60
1795 half dime	55
half Cents 1806.15 1826.20 1828.10 1832.10 1849.20 1850.10 1851.5 1856.10 1857.10	1.10
Cent 1821.	30
	$ 5.70

You have my offers for

1802. half Dollar	3.00
1795 " " 3@ 75.	2.25
1805 over 04 "	1.00
1796 qtr.	3.00
1800 half Dime	1.00
	10.25

Mr. His offer on

Colonials and Coppers	3.01
and 1804 Cent	5.00
Grand Total	23.96

for which if you acquiesce I will send you 785 Cents @ $12.00 & balance Cash, Express paid, or all Cash and I will keep Cents for the future.

Mrs. L. H. & H. Chapman

2009 Arch St

Philadeephia

Pa

Collins, B.H. May 13, 1901

[Same B.H. Collins as previous?]

B. H. COLLINS.
—DEALER IN—
Fine Coins, Rare Jewelry,
CURIOS, ETC.,
1108 G ST., N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Removed to 821 17th St., N. W.

May 13/1901.

Messrs. Chapman.

Yours of 11th received.

I understand the handling of Cents too well and I has no fit of anger to subject it to injury. It is in the condition as received and no Expert would grade it as Uncirculated and I will put up $50. on a wager with you + leave it to Proskey - Low - Frossard or any critic -

The best evidence in my favor is the fact that no one who was present at the Sale + examined the piece believed it Uncirculated or it would surely have brought more than $6.50 - and no doubt by your bidding it up or having bids by parties not present but based on the description in Catalogue it brought $6.50 + your tender of 3.50 shows you do not consider it Uncirculated.

I want no re-imbursement and couched my letter as the facts justified, an inaccurate description as to condition. It is worth more to me as a restraint to further blind bidding than the paltry $6.50 - and as an object lesson to me, my numismatic friends + patrons it furnishes another wedge against "Sales" with which there are growing signs of dissatisfaction among Collectors.

I concede defective vision but not judgment as to Uncirculated Cents and I challenge you to accept my proposition, to submit the Cent to any Tribunal for decision as to Condition being truly Catalogued.

Respt'fy B. H. Collins

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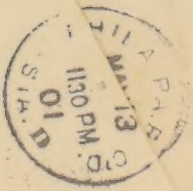

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S. H. & H. Chapman
1348 Pine St.
Philadelphia Pa

Collins, B.H. November 12, 1901

Two postcards of the same date.

821-17th St. Nw
Wash DC. Nov 12. 01

Dr Sirs.

Expected yr Letter with
check to-day.
I know mr. Kirkpatrick
334-5th Ave My city
expects to hear from
me this week.
Please hurry up.

B. H. Collins

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821 - 17th St. N.W.
Wash DC. Nov 12/01

Dr Sirs.

Check in full rec'd in mid day mail & thanks.

Your best offer for 100 Nos & Extremely fine Specs does nicely

1889 165

Yours truly

B.H. Collins

Ans 11/13/01

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Collins, B. H.

November 19, 1902

postcard only.

821 - 17th St. Nw
Wash. DC. Nov 19/02

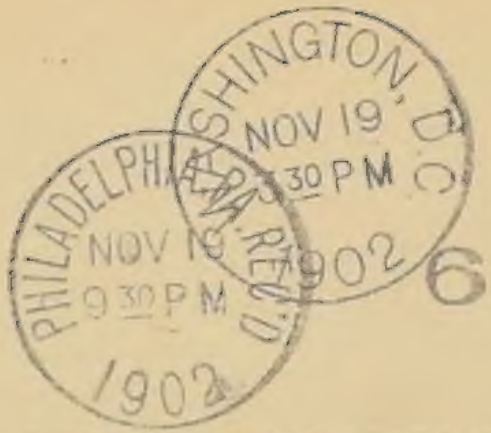
Dr Sirs.

Will call & see you to morrow about 10c. I am en route to Nyack & probably Boston.

Hope you are all well & prospering.

Yrs truly

B. H. Collins.



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Collins, B.H. April 19, 1904

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Wash. D.C. Apl 19/04

Dr. Sirs.

I hope to attend
Nuttes Sale for Copper
Cts & 1/2 cts.
Will last day's Sale
begin with Lot 1227 ?
or will part of Cts
be in day previous ?
Your reply will oblige
Yours truly
B. H. Cocains

4/19/04

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Collins, B.H. November 26, 1904

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Wash. D.C. Nov 26/04

Dear Sirs.

Your inquiry recd.
I have no lot of $2.50's
only about a dozen or so.
are becoming rare, not
scarce. Prices here
from 2. to 2.50, latter in
Mint-state.
Sold my last 100 to a
Western party in early sum-
-mer for $200. i.e. 2. each &
had duplicate order but
I couldnt supply. Certainly
they were strictly Unc'd. and
some proofs (you saw them)
Was a fine lot but no rare
dates or m.m.

Best wishes —

Yours &c

Collins

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